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Miscellanea.

Builders' Fire Insurance Society.—It has often appeared to us remarkable, that the building classes, so influential a body of men, whether we regard the interests they represent, or the vast property under their control, should have not hitherto been adequately represented by institutions which, founded expressly for their mutual benefit and protection, should bring them forward more prominently before the public and the commercial world. We understand that several architects of high character, and builders of eminence, have upon these public grounds made considerable progress in the formation of an insurance society, which, at the same time that it shall guarantee a profitable return to the shareholders, will reduce the excessive premium on risk, now required by the recently adopted tariff of the offices already established, the oppressiveness of which bears very heavily on premises of large extent, or where there is a steam-engine erected for the purposes of business. We see no reason why the building class should not have such a society, as well as the clerical, medical, and legal bodies, who have similar institutions, expressly founded by them, and which are prosperous to a remarkable degree.

A New Ventilator.—Dr. Aldis, physician to the London and to the Surrey Dispensary, deploring the usually vitiated state of the air in the habitations of the lower classes, has contrived a new ventilator for windows, cheap and simple, which promises to be serviceable. At this time of the year the poor cannot be led to open the windows, and the object is to bring in fresh air without producing perceptible currents. The ventilator in question consists of a small pane of glass in a hollow tin frame, in the outer face of which frame are openings; these communicate with a wide flat tube on either side, attached to the two upright sides of the frame, curved inwards, and perforated with small holes on the under side.

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Lunatic Asylum for the Middle Classes.—A benevolent institution has lately been set on foot for the reception of the insane belonging to a large class of persons neither wealthy enough to resort to an expensive private asylum, nor so destitute as to require parochial aid. The proposed asylum is to be situate in the immediate neighbourhood of London; to supply from 200 to 400 beds; the site to contain 25 acres; the cost, including contingencies, 30,000*l.*; to be commenced as soon as 10,000*l.* are raised. Terms for patients to be from 25s. to 30s. per head per week. Earl Spencer, Lord Ashley, Samuel Gurney, Esq., and B. Bond Cabbell, Esq., are the patrons and trustees, and Edward Conolly, Esq., is the hon. secretary.

County Surveyors. — Mr. E. Leahy, county surveyor of Cork, recently solicited permission to allow his duties to be performed by deputy, during his absence in London, while attending Parliamentary railway committees. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland declined to comply with the request, "considering it undesirable that county surveyors should be engaged on railroads in their own counties." His Excellency further gave it as his opinion, "that the interests of the counties cannot be properly guarded, having reference to the injury which their public works may receive from the construction of railways passing over or near them, if the county surveyors are not in their own counties unconnected with the management of the latter."

Spanish Ambassador's Chapel. — This chapel, situate in Spanish-place, Manchester-square, and which is attended by the principal members of the aristocracy and gentry professing the Romish faith, is about to be very considerably enlarged, its present accommodation being much below the numbers who regularly attend it.

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Thursday, 5. — Royal, Somerset House, 8½ P.M.; Antiquaries, Somerset House, 8 P.M.

Friday, 6. — Royal Institution, Albemarle-street, 8½ P.M.; Botanical, 20, Bedford-street, Covent-garden, 8 P.M.

Saturday, 7.—Asiatic, 14, Grafton-street, 2 P.M.; Royal Botanic, Regent's-park, 4 P.M.

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